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## Progressive Farming.

[From the California Agriculturist.]

By natural selection great changes  
have been wrought in plants, animals  
and men. And by systematic selection  
man has so encouraged peculiarities of  
plants and domestic animals as to create  
or cause different breeds and varieties.  
Thorough breeding and cultivation is  
developing, by furnishing the best sorts,  
positions, ways and means for a given  
object, and by removing all obstacles to  
such improvement. There is certainly  
much in natural adaptation and natural  
self-adjusting. The effect of our cli-  
mate upon the same varieties of corn,  
grains, vegetables and fruits, is so re-  
markable as to be noticed by all of our  
farmers from the older States. The  
effect on animals, though not so marked  
at first, is none the less observable in a  
few generations. The physical charac-  
teristics of men born and bred in different  
sections of the country are quite as  
plainly to be noticed as the difference  
in speech and in deportment. Wild  
animals of a kind differ in different lo-  
calities, but are all about alike where  
the conditions are equal; but under  
years of systematic breeding and do-  
mestication by man, they may be made  
so to conform to traits and modes as to  
become distinct breeds from the same  
stock. For instance, take a stock of  
cattle, all about alike, and breed from  
one portion for beef alone; and in a few  
years they will represent two distinct  
breeds. We see it stated in the *American  
Agriculturist* that a distinct family  
of short horn grades has been produced  
in East Windsor, Connecticut, within  
the last thirty years. They are good  
milkers, and sell at very high prices.

Of course this has been brought  
about by breeding for a purpose, with  
strict attention to choice selections. Any  
settled farmer can, by strict attention to  
business, constantly improve the good  
points and dispositions of his stock in  
this way, whether of cattle, horses,  
sheep, pigs or poultry.

First get the best sorts obtainable—  
the ones nearest the desired standard  
—and then always select and encourage  
the best for breeding. If for milk,

breed only from the best milkers, dis-  
posing of the poorest, independent of  
other considerations.

The vegetable kingdom is subject to  
the same laws. Careful selection of  
seed will not only keep up the standard  
sorts, but improve them. We have  
known eminently successful farmers and  
gardeners go into the fields and care-  
fully gather the best samples by hand,  
rejecting every seed not the best. This  
sown to itself would the second year  
produce seed enough to plant a large  
field. Such selection pays in the long  
run, and it is more of a pleasure than a  
trouble to a cultivator that likes his  
business.

## Local Papers.

The following from the *Chicago Daily  
Republican*, contains many truths which  
the people of Oregon in particular seem  
to be in a great measure strangers to.  
Hence we give it place in our columns,  
and commend it to the careful consid-  
eration of our readers:

"What tells us so readily the stand-  
ing of a town or city as the appearance  
of its paper? And its youth or age  
can as well be defined by the observing  
as by personal notice. The enterprise  
of its city is depicted by its advertise-  
ments, their liberality by the looks of  
the paper. Some papers show a good,  
solid, healthy foundation, plethoric  
purses, and a well-to-do appearance  
generally; others show a striving to  
content with the grasping thousands  
around them, trying hard to wrench  
out an existence from the close-fisted  
community around them. An occasional  
meteoric display in its columns of tele-  
graphic or local or editorial, shows  
what it can do if it had the means, but  
cannot continue in the expensive work  
until support comes, which ought to be  
readily granted. A newspaper is like a  
church; it wants fostering at the early  
commencement, and for a few years;  
then, as a general thing it can walk  
alone, and reflect credit upon its lo-  
cation. Take your home paper, it gives  
you more news of immediate interest  
than the New York or other papers;  
it talks for you when other localities  
believe you; it stands up for your rights;  
you always have a champion in your  
home paper; and these who stand up  
for you should certainly be well sus-  
tained. Your interests are kindred and  
equal, you must stand or fall together.  
Therefore it is your interest to support  
your home paper, not grudgingly, but  
in a liberal spirit, as a pleasure, not as  
a disagreeable duty, but as an invest-  
ment that will amply pay the expendi-  
ture."

VALLEJO'S SINGLE BIBLE.—A late  
number of the *New York Tribune* says,  
"We beg leave to call the attention of  
book collectors to the fact that in the  
town of Vallejo, California, there is  
only one bible. It is in black-letter,  
and the owner thereof cannot read it.  
It is said to have been printed in 1611,  
but if it is in black letter it must be  
older than that, we should think. If  
the owner will but send this interest-  
ing relic to New York, he can ex-  
change it for bibles enough to supply  
all the Christians in Vallejo—octavo,  
quarto, duodecimo; bibles plain, and  
illustrated; cheap bibles, and Dore's  
bible; nonpareil, minion, brevier, bour-  
geois, long primer and pica bibles; bi-  
bles, in fact, of all sorts and sizes and  
shapes, including Spanish bibles, Eng-  
lish bibles, Dutch bibles, Latin, Greek,  
and Hebrew bibles, and bibles in the  
sweet language of the Sandwich is-  
lands. Possibly among all these there  
may be a bible which the Vallejo man  
can read, to the great edification of his  
soul."

TO TRAIN A HORSE TO STAND.—  
The *American Stock Journal* contains  
the following directions: "Take your  
horse on the barn floor and throw a  
strap over his back and fasten it to his  
fore foot; lead him along and say whoa;  
at the same time pull down on the strap,  
which throws him on three feet and  
makes him stop suddenly. This is the  
best way to teach whoa, though you can  
put on the war bridle and say whoa,  
and give a sharp jerk, that will stop  
him about as soon as the strap to his  
foot. Then put him in harness with a  
foot-strap, as directed under the head of  
'training to harness,' and drive him  
up to the door. The moment he un-  
derstands to start take his foot up and  
say whoa. Get in your carriage and  
get out again, rattle the thills, make all  
the noise in and out you can and give  
him to understand by snatching his foot  
each time he moves, that he must stand  
until you tell him to go; and after a  
few times you can put the whole family  
in the carriage and he won't stir out of  
his tracks."

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## Cady Stanton's Lecture.

[From the Western World.]

In her lecture about girls, the other  
evening, Cady Stanton contrasted the  
buoyant spirit of young males with the  
dejected sickness of immature women.  
This, she says, is because the latter are  
keenly sensitive to the fact that they  
have no aim in life. This is a sad, sad  
truth! No longer ago than yesterday  
the *Town Crier's* youngest girl—Gloria,  
a skim-milk blonde concern of  
fourteen,—came pensively up to her  
father with big tears in her little eyes,  
and a forgotten morsel of buttered  
bread lying unchewed in her mouth:  
"Papa," murmured the poor thing,  
"I'm getting awful pokey, and my  
clothes don't seem to set well in the  
back. My days are full of ungratify-  
ing longings and my nights don't get  
any better. Papa, I think society needs  
turning inside out and scrapin'. I  
haven't got nothin' to aspire to—no  
aim; no nothing!" And the desolate  
creature piled herself loosely into a  
cane-bottom chair, and her sorrow  
broke "like a great dyke broken." The  
*Town Crier* lifted her tenderly upon his  
knee and bit her softly on the neck.  
Gloriana, said he, "have you chewed  
up all that gum in two days?" A  
smothered sob was her frank con-  
fession. "Now, see here, Glo," continued  
the parent, rather sternly, "don't let  
me hear any more about 'aspirations'  
—which are always adulterated with  
terra alba—nor aims—which will  
give you the gripes like anything. You  
just take this two-bit piece and invest  
every cent of it in fig-paste!" You  
should have seen the long, bright smile  
crawl from one of that innocent's ears to  
the other—you should have marked  
that face sprinkle all over with dimples  
—you ought to have beheld the tears of  
joy jump glittering into her eyes and  
spill over the father's clean shirt that  
had not had on more than fifteen min-  
utes. Cady Stanton is impotent of evil  
in the *Town Crier's* family as long as  
a vestige of that fig-paste remains on  
hand.

TOLD THE TRUTH.—Some one was  
telling me, the other day, a new story  
about the late Dean Richmond, who  
was known far and wide for his profan-  
ity and giddiness of manner. Richmond  
was here at the time, and my informant,  
who was then a boy working in a print-  
ing office, wished to get a pass over the  
Central Railroad. With this purpose  
in view he entered the office where the  
magnate was, fearing that he would be  
rudely rebuffed when he made his mis-  
sion known. After a moment's hesi-  
tation, he said, falteringly:

"Mr. Richmond, I believe?"  
"Yes; what do you want of me?"  
"I should like, sir, to get a pass from  
Albany to Buffalo, as I can go up on  
the boat for nothing."

"On what grounds do you ask for a  
pass?" (This was in a rising and very  
rough voice.)  
"On the ground that I don't want to  
pay my fare."

Richmond without another word  
wrote out a pass and handed it to the  
applicant.

The boy took it, saying: "Thank  
you, thank you, Mr. Richmond."  
"You needn't thank me, young fel-  
low. I'm glad to accommodate you.  
You are the first person I have ever  
known to ask for a pass on the right  
grounds."—*Advertiser's Gazette.*

Vicious habits are a great stain upon  
human nature, and so odious in them-  
selves, that every person actuated by  
right reason would avoid them, though  
he was sure they would always be con-  
cealed from God and man, and had no  
future punishment entailed upon them.  
Find fault only when you must, and  
that only in private, if possible, and some  
time after the offence. The blamed are  
less inclined to resist when they are  
chided without witnesses; and the ac-  
cused may be impressed with forbear-  
ance of the accuser, who, although  
noticing the fault, waited for a proper  
time to mention it.

AN OUTLET TO LAKE SUPERIOR.—  
An ancient outlet to Lake Superior has  
been discovered by the Michigan Geo-  
logical Survey. This outlet is unmis-  
takable in its character, and consists of  
a deep valley or depression, bordered  
with high bluffs, and is continuous from  
the south shore of Lake Superior to  
Green Bay in Lake Michigan. The  
practicability of a ship canal is suggest-  
ed by this discovery, and surveys will  
no doubt soon be made to that end.  
Should it be found practicable, it will  
greatly shorten the distance between  
the ports on the lakes.

Permanent rest is not to be expected  
on the road, but at the end of the jour-  
ney.

## All Around.

The Prince of Wales is recovering.  
Brigham Young has returned to Salt  
Lake.

Arabella Goddard, the great pianist,  
of London, is coming to America in  
1872.

Letters from Persia reveal a terrible  
state of destitution among the residents  
there.

Twenty tons of eggs were shipped to  
San Francisco from the East on the  
28th of last month.

The Confederate General John C.  
Breckenridge died at Danville, Ken-  
tucky, December 27th.

The board of Indian Commissioners  
report that they have saved about \$100,-  
000 in their purchases of supplies.

Gounod has composed an opera, "The  
Lamentation"—commemorative of  
the late war in France.

A Poughkeepsie lady is in despair.  
Her six boarders stow away 230 cakes,  
ordinary size, every morning.

TEA OVERLAND.—On December  
28th, 180 tons of China and Japan tea  
was sent by overland railroad from San  
Francisco to New York.

San Francisco offers a subsidy of  
three millions to the California Central  
R. R. Co., to establish the terminus of  
that road at Mission Bay.

The highwayman who robbed the  
stage of Wells, Fargo & Co.'s treasure,  
on Christmas night, between Healds-  
burg and Cloverdale, was a young man  
only fifteen years of age, and weighing  
seventy-five pounds.

The Western Pacific railroad at the  
head of Alameda canyon was broken  
by freshets and badly damaged. Cars  
were unable for several days to run  
through to Sacramento.

A dispatch from Cheyenne, dated  
December 27th, says there were 547  
passengers laid up there by the snow  
blockade. The eating houses improved  
the opportunity by charging \$3 per  
meal.

New York women are said to surpass  
in folly and extravagance the women of  
every other city in the world. They  
are now supplying themselves with  
handkerchiefs which cost their fathers  
and husbands from \$200 to \$500 apiece.

Terrible loss has been sustained all  
through California and Nevada, by the  
late storm. Land slides have occurred  
on the railroads, property washed away  
along the rivers, and a general destruc-  
tion reported. On Union Island in the  
Sacramento river, 2,000 head of sheep  
were drowned.

A STRANGE CASE.—Mr. Chambers,  
a station agent at the Milford branch  
of the Boston and Maine Railroad,  
died a few days since from the bite of  
his little daughter, a mere child. She  
had been suffering a short time with  
diphtheria, and the father, for some  
reason not stated, put his hand in her  
mouth, which she seized and bit with  
just force enough to break the skin.  
The virus in the child's teeth penetrated  
the wound and was diffused through  
the system. After a week's illness,  
during which time the body of Mr.  
Chambers became much swollen, he died.

Prof. Chandler, editor of the *Ameri-  
can Chemist* states in that journal that  
when solid nitrate of silver is placed  
upon glowing charcoal, deflagration  
takes place, the result being that silver  
is left behind in the metallic state. The  
curious phenomenon attending the re-  
action is that the nitrate, being fused  
by the heat of chemical action, sinks  
down in the pores of the coal, and as  
each particle of the latter is replaced  
by the reduced silver, the structure of  
the original wood is retained. In this  
way he has succeeded in producing  
masses of silver weighing an ounce or  
more, which show most beautifully the  
rings of annual growth in the wood.

The author advises that a crystal of the  
nitrate be placed on the end of a stick  
of charcoal, and the blow-pipe flame  
directed upon the coal beside it to start  
the reaction. As soon as the deflagra-  
tion sets in crystal after crystal may be  
added.

WATERING TEAMS OFTEN.—Horses  
and oxen at work need water often.  
The plowman carries his jug of water,  
or leaves his team to rest while he goes  
to the house for a drink. But the team  
works harder than the driver, and prob-  
ably needs drink as often, yet many  
teams are taken out early in the field,  
where there is no water except in the  
driver's jug, and work five or six hours  
before they can get a drop. Is it any  
wonder that they are injured by drink-  
ing too much when they are led to the  
spring at noon or evening?

A man is in the sight of God what  
his habitual and cherished wishes are.

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